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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI 22-27 APRIL 1966

SUBJECT

1. [REDACTED]
2. ASSERTION THAT MANY CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS ARE WILLING TO STAY IN NORTH VIETNAM AND MAY BE USED TO TRAIN NORTH VIETNAMESE PILOTS

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SOURCE

1. NORTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMAT

2. ON 27 APRIL 1966 [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT UP TO 26 APRIL 1966 AMERICAN PLANES HAD BEEN DOWNED IN NORTH VIETNAM AND THAT THE THOUSANDTH PLANE MIGHT BE DOWNED IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. HE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS FACING A SHORTAGE OF JET FIGHTER PILOTS, WHOSE TRAINING TAKES MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AND LARGE EXPENDITURES. HE FURTHER SAID THAT OUT OF THE MORE THAN 200 AMERICAN PILOTS CAPTURED MANY HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN IN NORTH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE

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(classification) (dissem controls)
UTILIZED FOR TRAINING NORTH VIETNAMESE PILOTS. WHEN ASKED WHAT
GUARANTEE THERE WOULD BE THAT THE AMERICAN PILOTS WOULD NOT GO
AWAY WITH THE AIRCRAFT WHILE ON TRAINING MISSIONS [REDACTED] REPLIED
THAT THEIR WIVES MIGHT BE INDUCED TO COME TO NORTH VIETNAM TO VISIT
THEM AND SERVE AS A GUARANTEE FOR THE GOOD CONDUCT OF THE PILOTS.

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM. CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]